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Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants request consideration of [X] the references listed on attached form PTO-1449 and/or [] the additional information identified below in paragraph 3. A legible copy of each reference listed on the form PTO-1449 and each U.S. patent application listed below is enclosed, except a copy is not provided for each reference previously cited by or submitted to the Patent Office in prior parent application Serial No. _______.

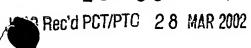
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within three months of the filing date (or of entry into the National Stage) of the above-entitled application, or

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3. []		ration of the following list of additional information (including any copending or ned U.S. application, prior uses and/or sales, etc.) is requested.
4.	For eacl is made	n non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449, reference to:
	a. []	a full or partial English language translation submitted herewith,
	b. [X]	a foreign patent office (International) search report (in the English language) submitted herewith (ATTACHMENT G),
	c. []	the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page,
	d. []	the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
	e. []	the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference:
5.	[] A f	oreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.
		Respectfully submitted,
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		Matthew Jacob Registration No. 25,154 Attorney for Applicants

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